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Dr. Albert E. Smith

Athletic Director Named

Dr. Albert E. Smith, a graduate and former athletic director at A&T, has been named athletic director of the 18,000-student body Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

Smith's appointment was announced by University President James H. Brickley, after approval by the Board of Regents. He succeeds F. L. Ferzacca, who retired last July.

Smith, who will begin his new duties April 1, is only the second Black in the nation to head the athletic program at a major predominately-white university.

ionwide search for the most qualified person and he was the best available man," Brickley added.

Dr. Smith, an executive assistant athletic director at the University of Pittsburgh since 1971, was one of the top recommendations of an athletic director search committee. That committee was established when Ferzacca announced his retirement.

"My wife and I consider the appointment as athletic director of Eastern Michigan University both an honor and a challenge," Smith said. "Eastern Michigan University has a fine tradition of academic and athletic excellence and we will do everything we can to continue to maintain that high tradition."

"We look forward to a long, enjoyable, and productive relationship with the students, faculty, administration and

alumni of Eastern Michigan University. And I look forward with great anticipation to living in the Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, and greater Detroit communities," Smith added.

The new athletic director brings a solid athletic background into his new job.

From 1964-66 he was baseball coach and the director of the Student Union at Knoxville College in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was also a member of the St. Louis Cardinal baseball organization in 1955.

Born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Oct. 24, 1932, Smith's family moved to Chicago when he was 10 years old. He attended George Washington Carver High School where he participated in basketball and baseball. Smith was named to the Chicago American Legion All-Star baseball team during his senior year in high school.

After high school graduation in 1951 he enrolled at A&T. He was captain of the baseball team here and also was honored as an All-Conference baseball player twice before signing with the Cardinals.

Smith enlisted in the United States Army in 1956 after gaining his Bachelor of Science degree in physical education from A&T.

During his two-year stint in the Army, he was a first lieutenant and company commander in the Medical Service Corps of Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He played on the baseball team that won the 4th Army championship in 1958.

Smith and his wife Sadie have three children, Clayton 17, Robin 14, and Angela 10.



Yesterday was National Umbrella Day, which is when it rains.

Students Participate In WGHP Internship

"I was very nervous because I had never been in front of a camera," is the way Paula Richardson, an A&T student, describes her initial attempts at producing a real commercial television show.

But Paula and several other A&T students are gaining more and more confidence, thanks to a new internship program instituted by WGHP-TV of High Point.

In little over a month, she has already produced two small shows and hosted another one.

In spite of federal equal employment laws, Blacks still can't claim many meaningful jobs in television, simply because there aren't a wealth of trained Blacks for the profession.

The High Point experiment was initiated to help remedy that situation.

"It's our belief that talent is where you find it," said Eugene Bohi, manager of the station. "You don't disregard talent because of race and color because you have to have the pick of the litter."

Paula, a senior theatre major, Ty Miller and Al Mack are the students participating in the internship program in which they spend a portion of each week observing the work of the various television departments.

"It is our idea to provide an added extension of practical experience beyond the classroom," said Bohi, "and to give the student a taste of what this industry is like."

"I have really learned a lot," said Paula, "and everyone has been very helpful. For example, I am more aware now of the problems in trying to get a show together. I have learned things you just can't learn in a classroom."

Officials of the station said the

students will be given an introduction to every phase of

commercial television operations. "Assignments have been in (See Interns Page 3)

Wrestlers Win MEAC Crown

By Nicie Cannon

When Coach Pinckney took the wrestling team to the MEAC tournament in Washington, D.C. over the weekend, he was favored to be battling Howard for third place. Needless to say, Pinckney and the team had other ideas that did not include a third place finish. A&T scored 113 points to take first place, topping second-place Morgan State who scored 101½ points. Howard placed with 69½ points.

A&T took command early with the first five Aggies pinning their opponents. As a result, the Aggies went into the second round with a 19-point lead and maintained the lead throughout the tournament.

Charles Simmons, Rodney James, and Melvin Fair took first-place honors, while Roosevelt Hilton and Steve Graves were second-place winners. Clinton Bostic, Sylvester Wilkins, George Harris, and Arthur Boone were fourth-place winners.

Expressing his pleasure over the team's performance, Pinckney commented, "All the guys did a great job."

He also noted that, the key to our success was in the freshmen and sophomores.

According to Pinckney, Hilton and Fair were not at full strength but still managed to make substantial contributions. Also, Simmons and James put on a "pinning exhibition" with

James pinning all his opponents and Simmons pinning all except one. Simmons and James maneuvered with what Pinckney termed as "dazzling moves".

By virtue of their first and second place finish, Simmons, James, Fair, and Graves are eligible for NCAA Division I Competition to be held at Penn State but will not make the trip. Instead the team is preparing for open tournaments at UNC-G and Livingstone.

So, A&T ends the wrestling season 12-2, MEAC champs and

with great hopes for another championship next year.

Elijah Muhammad

CHICAGO AP - Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Black Muslims religious sect which advocated racial supremacy and isolation for Blacks, died today at 77, a spokesman at Mercy Hospital said.



The MEAC champion Aggie wrestling team scored 113 points in last weekend's match in Washington. photo by Carter

Are We Serious?

Black students today, high school students in particular, don't seem to be interested in getting a good education. One can walk into a classroom and what does one see? He sees a group of Black students seated in a certain corner of the classroom not paying attention to the lecture or whatever else is going on in the class. Don't get me wrong; not all Black students are this way. But there are a few in almost every high school and in every class, even in the Black History classes!

This may seem like a generalization, but I speak from experience. It seemed as if the Black students in this particular class thought that, since this was a Black history class, that they could get over easy. Most would come in and get with their number-one man and jab about the new chick that enrolled in class or the girls would talk about their fantasies of their math or English teachers. But, when it came time to get grades, they came up with the once-valid excuse that society has discriminated against Blacks throughout history and that they deserve to be given good grades.

A Black teacher once said that integration would hurt us more than help us. At first, I disagreed with her because I was always told that integration was good for the Black people. I began to realize how right she was when I would see the white students (not all of them) come in and begin to do their work while the Black students (the lazy ones) would come in and do just the opposite.

These same Black students began to sound like a broken record when grade time came. WE BLACK HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. BUT WE CAN NO LONGER USE OUR BLACKNESS AS AN EXCUSE OR CRUTCH. Our forefathers did not use their Blackness as a crutch, but as a source of inspiration of struggle for what was rightfully theirs. To get what is rightfully ours, we must be proud, beautiful, Black and above all, have something in our heads that will take us on

By Mary Cropps

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SUC Summarizes Work

The Student Unity Committee (SUC) held its first meeting of the year last Wednesday night. Major purposes of the meeting were to sum up the work from last semester and to introduce the February First Movement (FFM).

In summing up from last semester we looked back at the research Committees. Their purpose was to gather information on crucial issues on campus. Research committees were set up in the areas of Campus Security, the cafeteria, the infirmary, the band and the Political Science Department.

Findings from the research were presented in the Crisis Conference on Nov. 17, 1974. The Crisis conference was our major activity of last semester. Its purpose was two-fold. First, it was held to observe Student Solidarity Week (Nov. 11-16). Student Solidarity Week was a week set aside by the Youth Organization for Black Unity (YOB) and other Black student organizations to spread the importance of the Student movement at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and to spark consciousness in students at other Black universities toward the need to write and organize in struggle.

The second purpose was to arouse student interest in campus problems and unite students around this common ground.

SUC feels that the Crisis Conference was very progressive because it aroused student interest and introduced SUC as a channel for students to work together and deal with their problems.

SUC saw many assets from its work last semester. It gained the interest of students, and it began to organize students and to recognize their problems.

Last summer, students in organizations such as the Youth

Organization for Black Unity (YOB), African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC), National Save and Change Black Schools, Harambe Organization in N.J., Black Student Collective at Harvard University and Peoples College in Tennessee

Tennessee; Boston College, Boston University and Harvard University in Boston, and other black universities in the Eastern States.

FFM sees its major areas of work centered around building and supporting struggles of

OPINION

came together to form the Progressive Student Delegation.

These students came together, because they saw the need to write the various fragments of the Black Student Movement into a strong National Anti-Imperialist Student Organization, February First Movement (FFM). The next step then was to call a conference to organize other Black student organizations, to structure and define the goals and objectives of FFM, and to begin work on its tasks.

The FFM Conference was held during the Christmas holidays in Princeton, N.J., and several members of SUC attended.

There were also seventy other Black students in progressive organizations present from George Washington University, Howard University, and Federal City College in Washington, D.C., Fisk and Tennessee State University in

students for a right to a quality education, of communities for decent housing and social programs, of workers for better wages and working conditions, of women against economic, national and sexual oppression, of oppressed nationalities in the U.S. and of Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America for national liberation from the strong hold of U.S. imperialism.

At the last meeting those who went to the Conference presented FFM to SUC. It was decided that SUC consolidate and become the FFM Chapter on A&T's campus. The newly formed FFM chapter is now in the process of planning and organizing its internal structure.

We invite all progressive Black Students at A&T and other schools in Greensboro to join us in a united effort to build the Student Movement.



Here's a belief that's easy to see through: many Assyrians thought that wearing 'cat's-eye' gemstones made them invisible!

Lost Grades Are A Worry

By Rosie A. Stevens

How to trace lost grades becomes a matter of real worry when an estimate of credits shows that some are missing. Most universities have policies to deal with lost grades; however, if an institution is in the habit of losing grades to a significant degree, then the procedures for retrieval might also become difficult to find. If found, they might also be difficult to effect.

With the situation before one, groaning O my grades aren't here, one is tempted to become paranoid. There is something about an official record that is incomplete, or official communication of any kind, that tends to give one the they're-out-to-get-me kind of feeling when information is missing or incorrect. The further one goes along the more intense the feeling becomes when things repeatedly show up missing, not merely grades.

With this feeling come two other questions: Why and What is to be done? Neither question is easily answered. If one takes the latter question first, the road is not an easy one. It begins with the instructor, or professor, if that person has not left the university, and ends in the office of Registration and Records. Hopefully all records reflect actual happenings as far as grades are concerned. If they do not, the retrieval system is not effective.

If the former question is to be answered, that again is not easy. The answer, when obtained, does give one some comfort concerning one's sanity. If one feels the they're-out-to-get-me syndrome, then one might take comfort in the knowledge that all institutions really are out to get you. However, it is not that this was carefully planned and plotted. It's not the institution's fault that it hired people who cannot interpret policy and carry it out so that practice reflects policy. The institution can't help it if those people who do estimates of credit, etc. find it difficult to assess credits with all the relevant information under their noses in a folder. It's not the institution's problem; it is the students problem.

Some institutions seem to be set up so that, more so than others, they take no responsibilities for the problems they systematically generate by virtue of being institutions. That's why they seem "out to get you". It isn't the institution's fault, however; the student should be blamed.



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A declining economy allows some benefits to people in power. One of the noticeable, yet accepted, benefits is that it provides, (to the ruling class) a justifiable excuse to reduce funds

"athletic integration", and long before the economy became troubled. So now what does the future hold for the athletic departments of Black institutions in general, and A&T in particular?

or nonconsideration of the athletes we do have will no doubt influence the athletics we "won't get".

If our athletes in Aggieland are human with a future to be considered, then both the fact that they are human and thereby capable of making mistakes and their future, in or outside of professional sports, is being neglected. It must be the easiest thing in the world to be a coach at A&T where you can suspend a player and say "I don't need you to win" (or lose). But coaches aren't supposed to take the easy way out. not only are they supposed to be capable of molding an athlete, but they are also supposed to be capable of molding responsible men.

We saw some good senior football players who had given valuable performances for two, three years before, go by way of the axe last fall. What that did to our football program won't be felt for sometime to come. What it did to the individuals involved is more obvious and immediate.

Now even though our basketball team is in the process

of completing a successful campaign, "The Lon Smith Case" stands as more of a setback than its seven defeats. The handling of Smith's case by our athletic department has been anything but admirable.

I've even heard students speak of top grade high school athletes in their cities and then say "I'll tell him to go anywhere, but A & T . . . Yet our athletic department continues to give cases to justify the attitudes of these students. Maybe Coach Pinckney can offer some tips on morale, winning, dedication, and mutual respect (between athletes and coaches) to the rest of our A.D. He certainly has

captured the glory and the titles, without the dissent, to indicate that it is possible and with an even smaller budget.

We can ill afford to allow our A. D. to be structured like American penal institutions where punishment is equated to discipline and corrections as rehabilitation are ignored. Players may be suspended, but they can only participate for a maximum of four years anyway. Our A.D. has to last for possibly a school lifetime. Modernization has mechanized athletics and to a large degree athletes but here in Aggieland our student-athletes, are still students, humans, brothers, and Aggies.

CRISIS

By Ted L. Mangum



to already underfunded, financially-sick, Black institutions. This in turn means that departments, within these "poverty-stricken" institutions which are already suffering the most will suffer even more.

Now to most Black institutions, underfunding in the Athletic department became a problem when white institutions accepted the concept of

Well, the most optimistic statement that I can make is that "time is running out; I mean with odds like recruitment, publicity facilities, overall program structure and alumni support already stocked against them in an effort to recruit top Black student-athletes, our coaches, and we (the students) have somehow chosen to add to the problem. The mistreatment

Rodney James

'I Had To Learn To Listen'

By Nicie Cannon

When wrestling practice started back in October, a talented young man tried out for the team as a walk on. Last week in Washington, D.C., he walked away the MEAC champ, undefeated in the 126 weight division.

Rodney James is the freshman standout who easily outwrestled his opponents all season long, collecting 11 pins out of 14 matches.

James, a physical education major from Greensboro, says there is no special secret to his success. He attributes his winning to "a lot of hard work and practice."

Even though James had a perfect season, he says he is still not completely satisfied. "I should have been better", stated

James, "I had to learn to listen to the coach". Evidently, James has been "listening to the coach". His record speaks for itself and Coach Pinckney has a lot of praise for the young freshman.

James quickly agrees that wrestling is a demanding sport. To keep in shape and at the appropriate size, he says he does a lot of running and "a lot of dieting".

James says he became interested in wrestling because of his size. He considers himself too small for football and too slow for track.

The wrestling season is over for Rodney James, but luckily for A&T, he'll be returning next year

to repeat his success, and, if possible, improve upon his techniques.

Interns Learn To Apply For Job

(Continued from Page 1)

public affairs, news, programming and production," said Don Forney, director of community relations.

For her initial shows, one a gospel program and the other a talk show she hosted on "Women in Death," Paula was charged with selecting the subjects, booking the guests, and promoting the show.

"I also found out that there has to be a certain dedication to

the needs of the people you are working with," said Paula.

Miller, an English major, is a student technician for the A&T television studio. He is highly interested in a possible telecasting career. Mack, also a theatre major, is interested in production and telecasting.

"Internal programs like this make a station much stronger," said Bohi.

"At least when these students complete this internship, they will know how to apply for a position in television," said Forney, "and that's pretty important."

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Aggies Defeat Eagles 70-62 In Rivalry Contest

By Blannie E. Bowen

When North Carolina Central University and A&T engage in athletic competition, seasonal records have little or no importance in the way games are played.

Such was the case Friday night when A&T won a 70-62 basketball game in Durham. A&T came to McDougald Gymnasium on the Central Campus with a 15-7 won-loss mark.

More importantly, the Aggies had clinched a first-round bye and the visitation championship of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. The clinching happened Wednesday night when South Carolina State defeated second place Morgan State.

Central, meanwhile, is having its best season in four years with only a 10-15 mark. Considering each school's record this season, the game seemed like gigantic mis-match.

Although many observers felt the game would be an anti-climactic affair since the Aggies had everything in the bag, try telling this story to anyone who was on Central's campus between 7p.m. and 11p.m. Friday.

McDougald Gym has a listed capacity of 4,300 and all of these seats were filled. Another 1,000 persons crowded the aisles, steps and walls, while 1,000 more crashed the ticket gates without paying.

Meanwhile, on the inside of the building, things were brewing for an upset as the Aggies could

not destroy the Eagles as they had done earlier in Greensboro.

Sticking mostly to a 1-2-2 and a 3 zone defense, Central stayed close to the Aggies without getting hurt by the blistering Aggie fastbreak and pressure defense.

When Central tried to run with A&T, they got hurt by all five of the Aggie players. When the Eagles played the zone, particularly the first half, Ray Perry and Allen Spruill destroyed them from downtown Durham.

On one occasion, Robert Little and Wesley Johnson hit six Central points; but Perry and Spruill connected for four straight 25-foot jumpshots to send the crowd into a frenzy.

It was not all A&T by any means. From a 35-29 half-time advantage, the Aggies exploded to a 41-31 lead with 16:30. At 13:10, the score was only 43-41 when Johnson hit for Central.

Central eventually led 50-51, 52-53, and 54-55. When Little gave Central the lead, Sinclair Colbert answered for A&T.

It was Colbert's mid-court steal and lay-up which sealed the Eagles' doom at 5:27. From this point onward, it was keep-away, defense, lay-ups and missed free throws.

A&T's superiority came through in its poise, but the Aggies were only four of 17 from the charity line. Spruill displayed his wizardry before the hostile fans as he uncorked his repertoire of moves for 20 points despite resting over seven minutes of the second half.

James Sparrow followed added 12. Perry and Colbert hit Spruill with 14 and Ron Johnson 10 each. Little and Johnson paced Central with 19 and 15, respectively.

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